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President's Message—David Boger

Spring is nigh. Prepare the classic for the warm driving season.



I find that the normally moderate Birmingham winter season is as close to ideal for top-down sports car motoring as I've experienced. This season, however, has been far from normal: record low temperatures and plenty of rain. But, alas, global warming will eventually rear its ugly head in Central Alabama within a

few weeks and we will be once again locked in a dungeon of heat. Saving the day—and not a moment too soon—your Birmingham Motoring Club will gather this Saturday, March 15th, at the Darden Car Palace to discuss and demonstrate the proper methods and etiquette pertaining to removing the winter cobwebs from one's classic.

Yes, sprucing up the old gal will be this month's Tech Session topic. This hand's-on session will cover mechanical tasks to keep her in fine nick as well as rubbing on her to make her finish presentable. Piloting your steed to this gathering will ensure that it will be given the attention it so desperately requires!

This event's particulars will be presented during the March general club meeting Tuesday evening, beginning at 6 PM at Logan's Roadhouse located on US 280. Other worthy topics will also be discussed. Please come and enjoy the hydrocarbon-tainted fellowship!



Car Shows/Events on Our Radar (what's on yours?)

Want more info contact Randy-Lee Darden on FB or edge468@juno.com

Save the Date:

- March 21 British Motoring Club of New Orleans
25th Annual British Car Day (bmcno.org)
- April 17/18 23rd Annual Brits by the Bay
Panhandle British Car Association
(pbca1.com) Featuring the Jaguar Series
- April 24-26 Honda Indy Gran Prix of Alabama
Barber Motorsports Park
- April 24-26 Classic SportsCars Mitty presented by
Hagerty
Road Atlanta- Vintage Racing
- May 15-17 Barber Historics- Vintage Racing
Barber Motorsports Park
- June 5-6 EuroBrit Auto and Bike Expo 2015
North Alabama British Motoring Society
(nabms.org)
- September 12 Brits of the Shoals
Shoals British Car Club
(shoalsbritishcarclub.org)
Joe Wheeler State Park
- October 24 British Car Festival 2015- Fairhope
South Alabama British Car Show
(sabcc.org)
- October 31 Southern British Car Club of Greater
Chattanooga - Date confirmed with
club!!!!
Annual Choo Choo Show
(southernbritishcarclub.net)

Tech Sessions: Second Saturday of each Month @ the Chelsea Garage

- March 14 Will focus on getting YOUR car ready for shows and summer drives
- April 11 Project Car- preparation of car body for paint
Bring your elbow grease (Sanding 101)
- May 9 Painting – we will find out how good we sanded

- June 13 Suspension- focus on front suspension
- July 11 Catch up month (here's hoping we are only a month behind)
- August 8 Drive train - basic of rebuilding the go parts (engine/transmission)
- September 12 More drive train
- October 10 Electrical ! Overcoming the Lord of Darkness (learning to keep the smoke in)
- November 14 Heating and Ventilation- Baby its getting cold outside!
- December 12 Weather equipment - Windshield/Wipers/Hood (Top)

Ambitious-yes! Doable-yes! Will it happen?... We will see. Cannot get there if we don't try. The journey starts with the first step! Come volunteer and see what you can learn OR teach someone else!!!



The First Annual Brewery Pub Run (Maybe)—Lee Darden

It was a cold, overcast day. Not a good day for cars and coffee ... a good day to stay home..... but we had a great turn out. Turned out to be a great day for some tummy warming brew with really good tours of the both Avondale and Trim Tab. To several of us, this was the first time in either place. Both were very professional, very enthusiastic and very knowledgeable of their craft. Made one wish more was known of the science, and several of us tried to catch up, at least in the tasting/evaluation process.



Group shot, 15 of us, couple of new faces we welcomed to join us. Many different cars represented. Only one lone Spitfire with the top down, a true die hard.

The First Annual Brewery Pub Run—(Cont)



Learning about the mascot of Avondale, Miss Fancy the elephant from the Birmingham Zoo, once located in Avondale. Trunks UP!



The First Annual Brewery Pub Run—(Cont)



Learning the art and science of the brew.



Grinding the grains fresh for each brew.

The First Annual Brewery Pub Run—(Cont)



After pizza and more brew, it was on to:



This one year old operation, located in the old Barber Motorcycle Museum is well on its way to holding its own with the other breweries in town. A great venue, with lots of energy, enthusiasm and entrepreneurship. If you get a chance to visit these, you should support the local efforts at world class brewing.

BMC Board Meeting Schedule

President David Boger has set a proposed meeting schedule for the 2015 BMC Board Meetings. All club members are invited and welcome to attend any and all board meetings. The location is mostly at O'Henry's Coffee Shop at Brookwood Mall at 8:30 AM, but is subject to change if there are coinciding events that may necessitate a change in venue. These changes will be announced ahead of the change. Proposed schedule is:

March 28
April 25
May 30
June 27
August 1

August 29
September 26
October 31
November 28

And as always, regular monthly meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday evening of the month. Currently we are meeting at Logan's on 280, dinner at 6:00, meeting at 7:00 PM. Hope to see you at the next meeting!!!



Gold Coast British Car Club Show—Howard Beckner

Margaret and I had the privilege of attending the Gold Coast British Car Club Show in Boca Raton, FL on February 15th. There were over 190 cars presented in downtown Boca. Though we were not able to stay for the awards ceremony, we picked out our favorites and I've included just a few of the many photos we took. The GCBCC membership extends from Key West to Palm Beach and has a membership of over 100. They meet in various locations throughout the area.



Gold Coast British Car Club Show—(cont.)



Gold Coast British Car Club Show—(cont.)





*"The British are coming",
Again!*



British Motoring Club New Orleans 25th Annual British Car Day

Saturday, March 21st 2015

Delgado Community College City Park Campus
Orleans Ave. between City Park Ave. & Navarre Ave.

On-Site Registration: 9 a.m. to Noon

Show: Noon to 3 p.m.

Awards at 3 p.m.

All British Cars & Bikes Invited
Spectators Welcome at No Charge

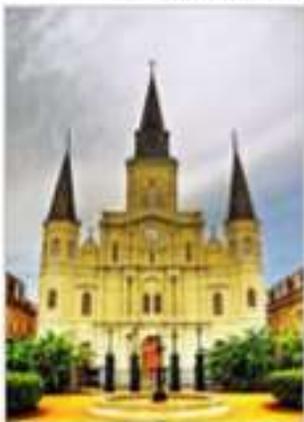
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Registration form available at our web site: www.bmcno.org



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20' x 20' swap meet space: ~~\$150.00~~ **Introductory Price \$100**

Includes:

- Camping in your Vendor spot (2 people)
- 2 weekend tickets for the Barber Historics
- 2 weekend passes to the Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum
- Preferred 2nd year placement

PREMIUM PACKAGES

These spaces are located on the end cap, at the front of their respective rows.

PP E - End Cap E: 80' x 20' swap meet space:
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PP F - End Cap F: 56' x 20' swap meet space:
~~\$600.00~~ **Introductory Price \$400**

PP G - End Cap G: 56' x 20' swap meet space:
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PP H - End Cap H: 40' rear/20' front x 20' Oversized space:
~~\$400.00~~ **Introductory Price \$280**

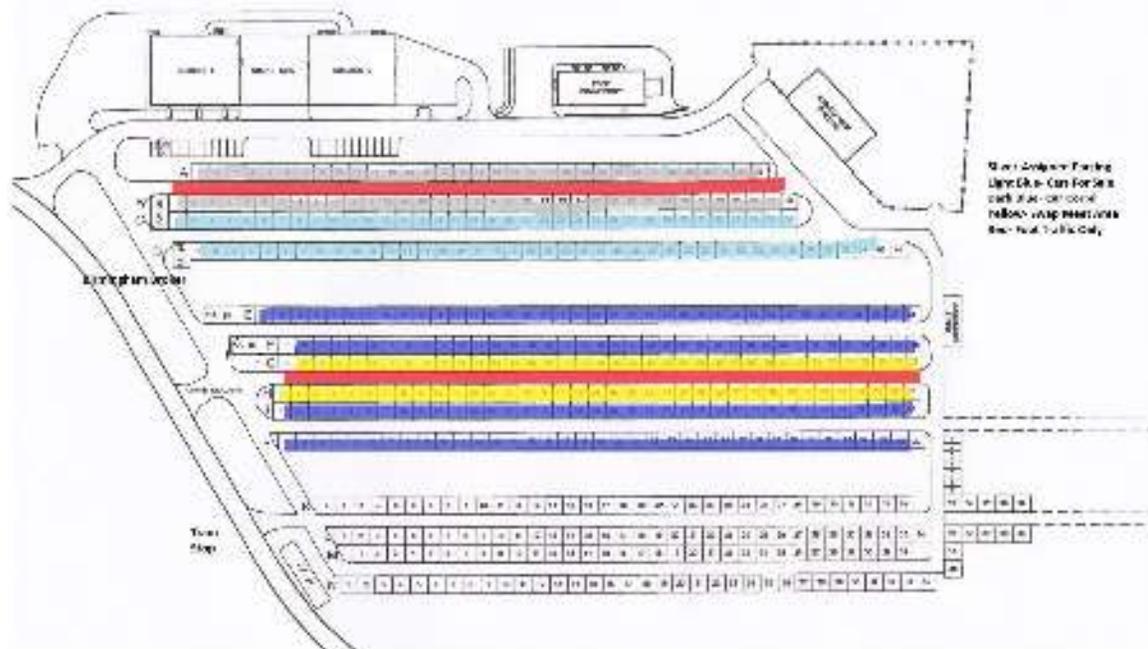
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PP J - End Cap J: Oversized 20' x 20' swap meet space:
~~\$300.00~~ **Introductory Price \$200**

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- 4 weekend tickets for the Barber Vintage Festival
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- Preferred 2nd year placement

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HD: Easy-to-use Wiring Diagrams now available for vintage sports car & motorcycle enthusiasts.

Cumberland, RI - Baby-boomer Doug Jacobs works tirelessly to help his fellow car and motorcycle enthusiasts. The problem, as he sees it, is that when a classic car or motorcycle experiences an electrical problem, the wiring diagrams they are forced to turn to can be more work than the wiring. These diagrams appear to be made for people who have never heard an optometrist say "reading glasses."

The 11" x 17" Color Wiring Diagrams from Prospero's Garage were specifically created for car and motorcycle enthusiasts who, because they've crossed the four decade mark, can't read tiny factory wiring diagrams. The type is small and the factory or other aftermarket diagrams are rendered in black and white, while the car's wiring loom exists in Technicolor.

"I'll be the first to tell you, it wasn't that big a problem 25 years ago when I got in this business," says Doug Jacobs, proprietor of Prospero's Garage and once factory trained BMW motorcycle mechanic. "It's not that the factory wiring diagrams, or diagrams from aftermarket repair manuals have gotten worse...it's just guys in their 40s and older can't read these things."

Doubling the size of a diagram is great for older guys, but even more useful to the classic car or motorcycle enthusiast of any age are three other features of the wiring diagrams from Prospero's Garage – Color, Legends and Lamination.

Doug: "Color. That's really one of the hardest things for the shade tree mechanic. All those black wires run together into a mess of electrical spaghetti. The factory manual will say a wire is supposed to be 'N/LGN'* , but what does that mean to the typical guy who does this for fun? So we always use the same colors on the wiring diagram that you see on the wiring loom. It doesn't require translation." * (brown wire with a light green tracer).

Doug: "Legends – or Lack of Legends. Every component on our diagrams are labeled right there on the page. Anyone whose done any electrical de-bugging will tell you – tracing your way through the wires, only to have to turn back four pages to find out what component numbered "142" actually is – well, it's infuriating. You've lost your place and now you have to hunt back through the mess to find it again."

Doug: "Lamination. Big problem – if you're working on your car or bike, your hands are probably dirty. If you're using your original copy, you can bet it'll be useless after one or two sessions. Other guys make 20 copies of the black and white version so they can throw the dirty copy away. Ours are laminated and are, essentially, permanent. Just don't wrap it around a hot header pipe."

Sales have been brisk at British car shows, motorcycle rallies, through enthusiast groups on the Internet, and through online sales channels such as eBay.

The wiring diagrams from Prospero's Garage first started out in 1999 as something to help out Mr. Jacob's friends. "A lot of guys I knew had recently acquired BMW Slash 5 motorcycles. A lot of them needed help re-wiring. So I obtained some factory diagrams, and reworked them so they could be useable." Before long, he began supplying them to other BMW motorcycle enthusiasts, and various BMW car club members.

Once the popularity of their diagrams spread, Prospero's Garage started offering color-coded wiring diagrams for many classic British, German, Italian and Japanese cars, BMW and Harley Davidson motorcycles. They are working constantly to expand the line – often the biggest constraint relates to sourcing the factory diagrams they use for source material. New offerings for 1960's and 70's American muscle cars are in the works, as well as an ever expanding line of European & Asian classic sports cars – and even classic Toyota Land Cruisers!

You can find them on the Web at www.colorwiringdiagrams.com, or you can contact them at prospero@colorwiringdiagrams.com.